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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: *In the Matter of the Complaint by Oak Tree Energy LLC against  
NorthWestern Energy for refusing to enter into a Purchase Power  
Agreement – Docket EL11-006*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Enclosed for filing please find:

- Oak Tree Energy LLC's Response to NorthWestern Energy's Pre-Hearing Motions, with Certificate of Service

Please contact me regarding any further information you require to consider this request.

Sincerely,



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